

Enabling the Vision

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As humans we forget things

The Story of CCCL

Church is someplace where we should be able to depend on one-another.

2 Chronicles 7:14

if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

James 4:6

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:
"God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble."

If we don't grasp on to God's vision; we will not be successful.

A burden fuels a vision

- Burden – a weight or concern on someone's heart.
- We need to take on the burden of God
- Burdens cannot be taught. You have to catch it.

We were created to worship

Worship is bragging on God

Stewardship enables a vision

- Stewardship is the responsibility of managing someone else's property or assets
- **1 Corinthians 4:2** - Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.
- God has entrusted us. He's given us much to do what He's called us to do.
- The only reason you're burdened with everyday life is because you haven't caught the vision.
- Not only does God trust us. He expects us to trust Him.
- Genesis 1:28

No matter what you're going through; don't turn on God and don't turn on each other.

Gen 45:4-5

"I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! 5 And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

Exodus 12:36

The LORD had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians.

What does your Time, Talents, Treasures, Giftings, and Finances go towards?

- We them up on ourselves. And when God calls us to use them, they're gone.

Exodus 25:2-8

"Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give. 3 These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; 4 blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; 5 ram skins dyed red and hides of sea cows ^a; acacia wood; 6 olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; 7 and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece.

8 "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.

1 Chronicles 29:16-18

16 O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. 17 I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. 18 O LORD, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep this desire in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.

Matthew 2:11

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Luke 8:23

As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

Luke 19:30

"Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

Mark 14:13

So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him.

How can I be a good steward?

1. Understand God is the Source

- a. **Deut 8:17-18** - You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." 18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

2. Don't forget God is the Source

- a. **Deut 8:11-14** - Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. 12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, 13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, 14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Start asking God for a Burden